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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ladegate Close, E.C.; BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jersey, E.C.; SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAUM & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SINGAPORE, QUEEN & CAMPBELL, AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., FOOCHOW, HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI, LAZ, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, MANILA, C. HEINSEN & CO., MACAO, L. A. DA GRACA.

## BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, ..... 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—H. HOPFUS, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
E. R. BRUNNIS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS,  
W. H. FORES, Esq. Esq.  
Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq.  
A. MCIVIER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager.  
Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate  
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 8 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## Intimations.



TENDERS for SAWING TIMBER  
will be Received by the Undersigned  
until Noon on MONDAY, the 16th Instant.  
Further Particulars may be obtained on  
Application.

JOHN BRENNER,  
Agent,  
Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. NAVAL YARD,  
Hongkong, April 8, 1877. ap16

## NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Office  
of the FOREIGN INSPECTORS of  
Customs has This Day been OPENED at  
the Port of PAKHOI.

E. MCKEAN,  
Commissioner of Customs.  
CUSTOM-HOUSE,  
Pakhoi, April 2nd, 1877. ap15

## PACIFIC MAIL B. S. COMPANY.

ON SATURDAY, the 7th Instant, the  
COMPANY'S Offices will be REMOVED to our Premises No. 8, Praya  
Central.

BUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877. ap12

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON,  
No. 7, ARTHUR ROAD.  
Begs to inform his Friends that he intends  
being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six  
or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

K. WONG HING CHEUNG & CO.,  
COAL MERCHANTS,  
Have always on hand for Sale every  
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.  
Mr. AYXOX has been appointed Manager,  
and all Orders addressed to him at 87,  
Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Hing  
Long Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. ap19

## Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL,  
37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
ESTABLISHED 1853.  
TE. KOFFER, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap23

## HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,  
38, Queen's Road,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHRONOMETERS,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately  
rated under guarantee.  
All Repairs in the above line done at  
reasonable rates and with despatch.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. ap15

## NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been  
Appointed SOLE AGENTS for  
China and Japan, for  
JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON,  
Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES,  
Embroidery, &c., and Military and  
Naval Appointments of every  
Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on  
hand, for the Regiments stationed here,  
as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN  
NAVIES.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

## NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM  
TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has  
This Day been Transferred to THE  
MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, OLD  
BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,  
Secretary.

137, Ledenhall Street,  
LONDON,  
1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.  
20, Old Broad Street,  
LONDON,  
1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, ..... \$1,000,000 STERLING.  
RESERVE FUND, ..... £ 340,000 "

WITH Reference to the foregoing Adver-  
tisement THE MARINE INSUR-  
ANCE CO. has This Day taken over the  
Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL  
STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appointed  
Mr. A. MCIVIER as its AGENT in HONG-  
KONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT J. LODGE,  
Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept  
Risks and Issue Policies on behalf of the  
MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class  
Steamer.

A. MCIVIER,  
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of  
London.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1877. ap17

NOTICE.

ESSAYS on the Chinese Language, (Continued  
from page 182.)  
Dear Stalking in China.

Chinese Dentistry.  
Interactions with the Countries of  
Central and Western Asia during the  
Fifteenth Century, Part II. (Continued  
from page 182.)

A Legend of the Peking Bell-Tower.  
A Chinese Hornbook.

The Law of Inheritance.  
A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese  
Dialect.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.—  
A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese  
Dialect.

"Watching Spirits."  
Chinese Folklore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.  
Piggin English.

Geoffe's "Werther" in China.  
Chinese Music.

White Ants.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, March 20, 1877. ap18

## Intimations.

### BILLIARDS—BILLIARDS.

MONS. CARME will give a Second  
Series of Exhibitions of his Skill in  
the GAME of BILLIARDS at the HONG-  
KONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, 12th,  
FRIDAY, 13th, and SATURDAY at 9 o'clock.

Admission:—One DOLLAR.

MONS. CARME will play two Gentlemen on  
each Evening, 40 points up with each, and  
will give a Cup to the Gentleman who makes  
the highest Score of the Six during these  
Games.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap15

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN  
shortly, and would be glad if those  
who wish to consult him professionally  
would make an appointment for an Early  
Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

## TO THE MERCANTILE COMMU- NITY OF HONGKONG.

GENTLEMEN.—We have always been of  
opinion that to conduct business properly and  
adequately a regular system should be estab-  
lished whereby goods can be paid for by an  
acknowledged rule fair to everybody. You  
are no doubt aware that for years past the  
dollar question has been a very troublesome one.  
Dollars are imported into the Colony from  
various sources and of various standards.  
The Government of Hongkong, in conjunc-  
tion with the High Officers of Canton, have  
issued notices ordering Chinese to receive the  
American and the Mexican dollars in pay-  
ment for goods irrespective of weight; they  
are accordingly used here without any diffi-  
culty, but the Chinese Merchants of other  
Ports come here, and they will only pay for  
their goods in dollars at current rate, or  
by weight. We sometimes offer dollars, in  
payment of business transacted, to foreign  
firms, but although good, they are declined.  
Traders from other parts are kept away from  
doing business in the Colony on this account;  
hence the great dulness of trade at present.  
With a proper system we feel confident the  
trade, which is daily dwindling down, will  
speedily revive. We ask you, Gentlemen,  
to consider the matter and call a meeting to  
devise some settlement of this question,  
whereby both Foreign and Chinese Merchants  
will be on the same footing. Dollars of all  
descriptions, unless spurious, can be used  
here, if by weight; it does not matter if  
they are old or new to us; "weight"  
seems the fairest and simplest plan. We  
beg, Gentlemen, to ask your advice on the  
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at once and for good, and offer you every  
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## Notices to Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per S. S. CITY OF TUKIO, are hereby notified that all cargo impeding delivery is being landed and stored in the Company's Godowns at Praya Central and West Point at their risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap12

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named vessel, from Bombay and intermediate ports, and in connection with the PESAWUR and MIRZAPORE from London, and AUSTRALEIA from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and stored at the risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Cargo not delivered by the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap12

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADDY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per S. S. CORNIC, from London, in connection with the above steamer, are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation received from the consignees, before 11 o'clock To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after To-DAY, the 10th Inst., at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No fire insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877.

## HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

**THE AMENDED HONG LIST** in English and Chinese, containing the names of all the most important companies, institutions and mercantile houses in the colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. NOYES.—KOSARIO &amp; CO.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain DAVID PLUMER.—SIEMSEN &amp; CO.

ROSENA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. HANSEN.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; CO.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. GEORGE W. TOXER.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG &amp; CO.

WINDERMERE, British ship, Capt. MANN.—MAYER &amp; CO.

IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. WERTERVELD.—ORD.

ROBERTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain BROWN.—VOGL, HAGEDORN &amp; CO.

ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain JOHN ANDERSON.—MEYER &amp; CO.

NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. GARROCK. DUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; CO.

CORINNE, British Barque, Captain WM. ROBERTSON.—WIELER &amp; CO.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO &amp; TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HAILOONG."

Captain Abbott, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at noon. For freight or passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; CO.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANARIS,"

Capt. REYNES, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French mail.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "SINDEH,"

Capt. LOIBNER, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from EDINBURGH.

H. DU POUEY,  
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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,

ISMALIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,

AND MARSEILLES;

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 19th April,

at Noon, the Company's S. S.

DJEMNAH, Commandant CHAMPENOIS,

with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPREUEN,

and CARGO, will leave this port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon,

Cargo will be received on board until

4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m.

on the 18th April, 1877. (Parcels are

not to be sent on board; they must be left

at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of packages are re-

quired.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 Clipper Ship

"NYASSA,"

Capt. GARROCK, Master, will have

quick despatch as above.

For freight, apply to

W. PUSTAU &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the MEMBERS of the HONG

KONG CLUB will be held at the CLUB

HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 19th Inst.,

at Half-past Four O'Clock in the Afternoon.

By Order,

EDWARD BEART,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY,

LIMITED.

THE Steamer "POWAN" will chase,

for a short time, to run as a Night

Boat to and from CANTON on and after

MONDAY, the 16th instant, in order to

have her new machinery fitted. Notices

will be given when she is ready to be again

placed on the line.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap15

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH &amp; VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE,

etc., etc.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions from F. PEIL, Esq., to sell

by Public Auction, (previous to his de-

parture for Shanghai,) on

FRIDAY,

the 27th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock

p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Praya

East,—

The whole of his HANDSOME

ENGLISH AND VENETIAN-MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, etc.,

comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture.

Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and

Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables,

Carpet, Heartstrings, Rep. Window Cur-

tains, etc., etc.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly

Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and

Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet,

Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware,

Plated-ware, etc., etc.

Library Oak Book-case and Decks,

Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables,

Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Maho-

gan Marble-top Dressing Table and

Wardrobe, with Plate Glass

Door, Cheval Glass, &amp;c.

Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet,

with Brass Stair Rods, Marbltop Tables,

Bronze Statuettes, &amp;c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Decks,

Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-

proof Safe, &amp;c., &amp;c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE,

1 SAW MILL, by FORREST &amp; BARK,

Engineers, Glasgow.

Also,

1 TURNING LATHE and various

MACHINERY.

And,

At the Yard of Messrs. INGLIS &amp; CO.—

One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW

ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Thurs-

day, the 26th instant.

Tons of Salt.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1 f.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of

description, at purchasers' risk on the fall

of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, •

Auctioneer

pany, on the thirty-first December last, the Directors have the pleasure to state that the result of the business for the year 1876 is so far highly satisfactory.

From the Balance Sheet it will be seen that the amount standing at the credit of the Company, on 30th June last, was Taels 708,478.75, to which was added the surplus carried forward from the present Working Account, viz., Taels 347,966.42; making a total of Taels 1,056,439.17; dividends for the year 1875 having been paid amounting to Taels 107,618.20, and Taels 102,459.66 placed to reserve, there remains in hand Taels 756,381.31, besides the paid-up Capital Taels 600,000.

The Directors have now to propose the payment of Dividends for the past year, and recommend that of the above balance of Taels 756,381.31, Taels 450,361.31 be held to meet outstanding liabilities on unexpired risks and claims pending adjustment, and Taels 300,000 be apportioned in the following manner, viz.:—

One-third to Shareholders generally.

One-third to Contributing Shareholders.

One-third placed to Reserve for final division.

A Committee, consisting of three members, has been appointed for the supervision of the affairs of the Company at the Hong-kong Branch : Mr H. B. Gibb (Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.), Mr E. C. Smith (Messrs Turner & Co.), and Mr E. Tobin (Messrs Gilman & Co.) forming the present Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement the term of office of the Directors Messrs E. H. Lavers, J. Hart, F. H. Bell, M. S. Gubbay, A. G. Wood, and H. Sutherland expires, but they offer themselves and are eligible for re-election.

Messrs W. H. Carter and J. G. Purdon are likewise candidates for election on the Court of Directors for the current year.

The Auditors Messrs Rowley Miller and Peter MacLean retire, but are recommended by the Directors for re-election.

#### Police Intelligence. (Before James Russell, Esq.)

April 11, 1877.

#### CANIVEROUS BIRDS.

Daniel Robinson, an African cook out of employ, and Henry Gibb, a West Indian seaman, were charged with fighting in Hollywood Road. The 1st defendant said he was passing along and met the 2nd defendant, who came up to bother him and knocked him down, and as he tried to bite the 1st defendant, the latter retaliated and bit him.—The 2nd defendant stated that the 1st defendant was drunk and jostled against him and abused him. Both then had a scuffle and fell together. The 1st defendant then bit him in the lip. A witness appeared for the 2nd defendant and proved that the 1st was the aggressor. He was consequently sent to one month's hard labour, while the 2nd was discharged.

#### UNLICENSED CARGO-BOATS.

Chung Acheng, a boatman, was charged with having no license for his cargo-boat, and was fined \$10, or 21 days' hard labour. Yip Asam, a boatman, was charged by Mr. Wm. McClellan, inspector of cargo-boats, for a similar offence, and was also fined \$10, or 21 days' hard labour.

#### REDUCED TO A MOLE-HILL.

Lui Aolin, master of the Chuen Cheong Loong piece goods shop, was charged at the Police Station yesterday by a woman named Kong Ayes, the concubine of Lum Tak Wing, the late Government scavenging contractor, with having made an indecent assault on her. The complainant stated that she was living in Queen's Street. Yesterday afternoon, the defendant came to her house and asked for her husband. As her husband was unwell and was sleeping in the inner room, she told him that he was out. The defendant then demanded payment of \$100 and some money for clothing. The woman replied that she knew what the money was for, that it was for the Tak Wo shop and that it should not be paid by her husband individually, and that the defendant would probably hear of his share of the dividend from the Supreme Court (her husband having been adjudged a bankrupt). The defendant replied that her husband had been cheating him. Some general abuse then ensued, when the complainant who had been cutting cloth, and had a pair of scissors in her hand, told the defendant to leave the house. The defendant then caught hold of her by the wrists and tried to force her down. She cried out and her husband emerged from the room with a knife in hand. The Police soon came and took the defendant into custody. At the Station she charged the defendant with an indecent assault, but at the Magistracy to-day, she put it that there was nothing further than violence to her that she had to complain of. She had bitten the man on the arm. Mr D. E. Caldwell, who appeared for the defendant, did not cross examine her at any length.—Her husband was also examined, and he said that after hearing the evidence, he did not believe that the defendant had any criminal intent, but he added that the defendant's brothers had been to him to ask that the case might be settled, and that he should not say anything about the charge. There were some things broken, and he had forbore to bring them up as evidence, but now the defendant had engaged a lawyer!

The Magistrate observed that the case resolved itself into one of a common assault. Mr Caldwell urged that the assault was on the other side, as the defendant went there for a lawful purpose, and the woman attacked him with a pair of scissors. He was only defending himself by taking hold of her wrists, and in support of his contention, he said the defendant bore marks of cuts on his hand.

Mr Russell said the defendant was a resister from the moment he refused to leave when he was told to do so.

Mr Caldwell again urged that the pointing with a pair of scissors towards the defendant was in law an assault, but the Magistrate remarked that it would only be assault when the instrument was within reach of the mish. The defendant ought to have gone away when he was told, and ought not have quarrelled with a woman. He thought the justice of the case would be met by a fine of \$1.

#### ASSAULT.

Leung A Choi, a boatman, was charged by Tang A Sui, another boatman, for an assault. The defendant was a friend of his and he had obtained employment for him at Messrs Lamont's. This day he met the defendant in the street, who asked him why he had not told everybody that he had ob-

tained the employment for him. They then had a few words and the defendant hit him with a stone cutting his head.—Mr Francisco Ferreira, a broker, witnessed the affair. He saw the defendant slip the complainant twice, when the latter kicked him and then walked away. The defendant threw two stones at him, the second one hit him and cut his head. One month's hard labour.

#### A MELEE.

Eight earth-cookers were brought up for charge of a foreman coolie who was in charge of a gang of coolies filling in a swamp at Yow-mahates.<sup>17</sup> There were separate gangs employed on the work and there were altogether 300 or 300 men. Yesterday two coolies belonging to separate gangs got into a quarrel and a general melee ensued ; the coolies fighting with poles and pick-axes. The riot was very threatening and several men were hurt. The case was remanded till to-day to see if quiet had been restored. Inspector Cameron reported that it had not, and that there was still apprehension of an outbreak again. The case was therefore again remanded till-to-morrow.

#### SUPREME COURT.

##### IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr Justice Snowden)

11th April, 1877.

Poon Alum v. Uriarte, \$8.—This was a claim by a ship's scraper for scraping the barque *Nieve Constante* some months back. The vessel having to leave about the time the summons was taken out the Captain applied for a postponement. Capt. Uriarte stated that he originally agreed with the plaintiff to have his vessel scraped, but the plaintiff not coming at the time mentioned and the Captain being in a hurry to get away, he was compelled to employ another man who did the work for the sum of \$8. As the plaintiff's evidence, as to what vessel he did scrape, was very conflicting, His Honor decided in the defendant's favor and gave judgment accordingly.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### NOT SO DUSTY!

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

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